

Remarks

Currently pending in the application are claims 1-6 and 9-10. Claims 1, 9 and 10 have been amended by replacing “obtainable” with “obtained” and to further define R¹. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner, and advancement of the application to allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-entitled application and made of record therein.

The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of this art on the attached Form by initialing next to the item submitted by Applicant.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

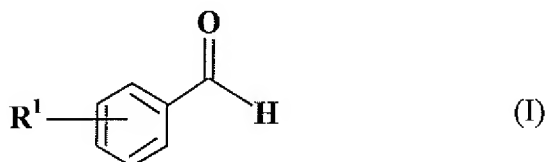
The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 1, 9 and 10 to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention and respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gruber (US Pat. No. 4,608,300) in view of Zondler et al. (US Pat. No. 4,163,098). Applicants traverse this rejection for the following reasons.

Applicants concur that Gruber fails to teach a composition which includes the instantly claimed component (b). The Examiner has added the teachings of Zondler et al.

for the purpose of teaching the use of a hydrazone in a coating composition. However, neither Gruber nor Zondler et al., alone or in combination, teach a fibre composite impregnated with a composition which includes a benzylidenamine compound obtained by reacting a benzaldehyde of the formula (I)

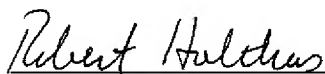


in which R¹ is hydrogen, C₁-C₅ alkyl or C₁-C₅ alkoxy with a primary amine as presently claimed. Nor does either publication, alone or in combination, teach or suggest an epoxy resin matrix containing such a benzylidenamine compound.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6 and 9-10, as amended, are patentable and are in a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request all pending claims be allowed and that the application pass to issuance.

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